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I had breakfast this morning with Allen Dulles and was, as always, so glad to be with him. I met Blankenhorn at the Department. He showed me the two letters from Adenauer [redacted] he is to give to the President this afternoon. For some reason, the Germans seem to want to draw me into their diplomatic business and, although it is interesting to me, I have to be careful not to poach - albeit involuntarily - on Jim Conant's preserves. I have explained this to the Germans as well as to Jimmy Riddleberger and Geoff Lewis. Blankenhorn, for example, asked me this morning whether I thought he should call on Henri Bonnet and try to allay French suspicions regarding his visit here. Apparently Monnet had given him a message expressing Foster Dulles's opinion that this might be wise. I told him I thought it better not to do so, but to allow the German Chargé d'Affaires here, and Adenauer in Bonn, to handle it. As a result, I became involved in the necessity later in the day of talking to half a dozen people about this matter which was none of my business. I have talked to shoals of people on the telephone.

The Ambassadors of the Six Nations gave a lunch at the Carlton today for the Trinity. Le Gallais made a graceful speech, Monnet a fine response, and George Humphrey offered [redacted] an enthusiastic endorsement of the European Unity program.

Afterwards I went to Blair Lee House and conferred with Jean about how he might finance the investment plan of the High Authority. Then to the Metropolitan Club where I had a short talk with Dick Bissell and Paul Nitze. I packed and talked to Arthur Gardner about features of his ~~prospective Embassy life in Cuba.~~ He generously [redacted] drove me down to the station where I boarded the Congressional.

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I am glad to leave Washington at this time. I found the atmosphere there depressing, mostly due to McCarthy's inquisitorial and terroristic witch-hunting

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activities that constitute a national disgrace and have markedly lowered our prestige as a nation at home and abroad. He seems to have intimidated his fellow Senators and many people believe he could now be curbed only by the President, who should crack down on him at once, and indeed should have done so long ago.

I reached The Brook in time for dinner and saw several friends. Jim came in afterwards.

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